

Remarks

Claims 1-46 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 32, 38, 39 and 41 being the independent claims. Claims 1-31 have been examined and claims 32-46 have been withdrawn from consideration.

In the amended Fig. 1, an incorrect reference number "21" has been replaced with a correct "121".

Based on the above Amendment and the following Remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

The indication that claims 6-9, 11-15, 17, 20, 21, 25, 27, 28, 30 and 31 contain allowable subject matter is gratefully noted.

Claim 16 has been amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112. Specifically, the dependency of claim 16 has been changed from claim 1 to claim 15.

Claims 1-5, 10, 18, 19, 22, 24, 26 and 29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,119,058 to Schmermund. Claim 1 has been amended to further distinguish over Schmermund. Claim 1 recites that regulating means includes at least one rotary valve that has a plurality of rotary sections with at least one irregularity on the peripheral surface. This feature is described, for example, on page 34, line 4 to page 36, line 17, and particularly on page 35, lines 2-12.

Schmermund discloses a glue application with one or more valve slides (14, 37, 62a, 62b, 62c). The valve slides, for example, valve slide 14 do not rotate about its axis and therefore cannot be a "rotary valve". By definition, a rotary valve must be able to rotate. Furthermore, Schmermund does not disclose a valve with a plurality of rotary sections have a peripheral surface with irregularities. The present invention is advantageous with respect to Schmermund

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in that a relatively complex adhesive pattern can be accomplished with only one rotary valve, as compared to the multiple slidable valves required for the patterns of Schmermund.

As such, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is allowable over Schmermund. Claims 2-5, 10, 18, 19, 22, 24, 26 and 29 depend from claim 1 and are allowable as depending from an allowable claim.

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

A Notice of Allowance with claims 1-46 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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